

AMERICAN LEGION IN THE CHURCH.

The ex-service men of Milford, Tex., were trying to organize an American Legion Post, but had no place to meet. Our church had a large, cozy room which we could spare; the officers of the church tendered this room to the boys as a temporary club-room, without charge. We did not do this as a Presbyterian church, but explained to them that we did it in the name of Jesus as a representative of all branches of His Church in the world. We just happened to have the only equipment in the town which would enable us to make this offer. They heartily accepted the offer. Their post has prospered. The other churches and the entire community rallied to the movement. We had a wonderful evening at the flag presentation and banquet. The men whom we were unable to touch before are now attached to the program of the church and entering heartily into it.

The element of strategic importance to the whole Church growing out of this event lies in the fact that this movement marks the culmination of a movement in which the Milford Presbyterian church took the initiative about the middle of January in solving the great problem of the ex-service man and the church.

This picture was taken in the church at the flag presentation service, honoring the Morrel-Hagood Post of the American Legion.

The large flag hanging in the center below the draperies of the organ loft is that presented by the citizen-

ship of Milford and community to the local American Legion.

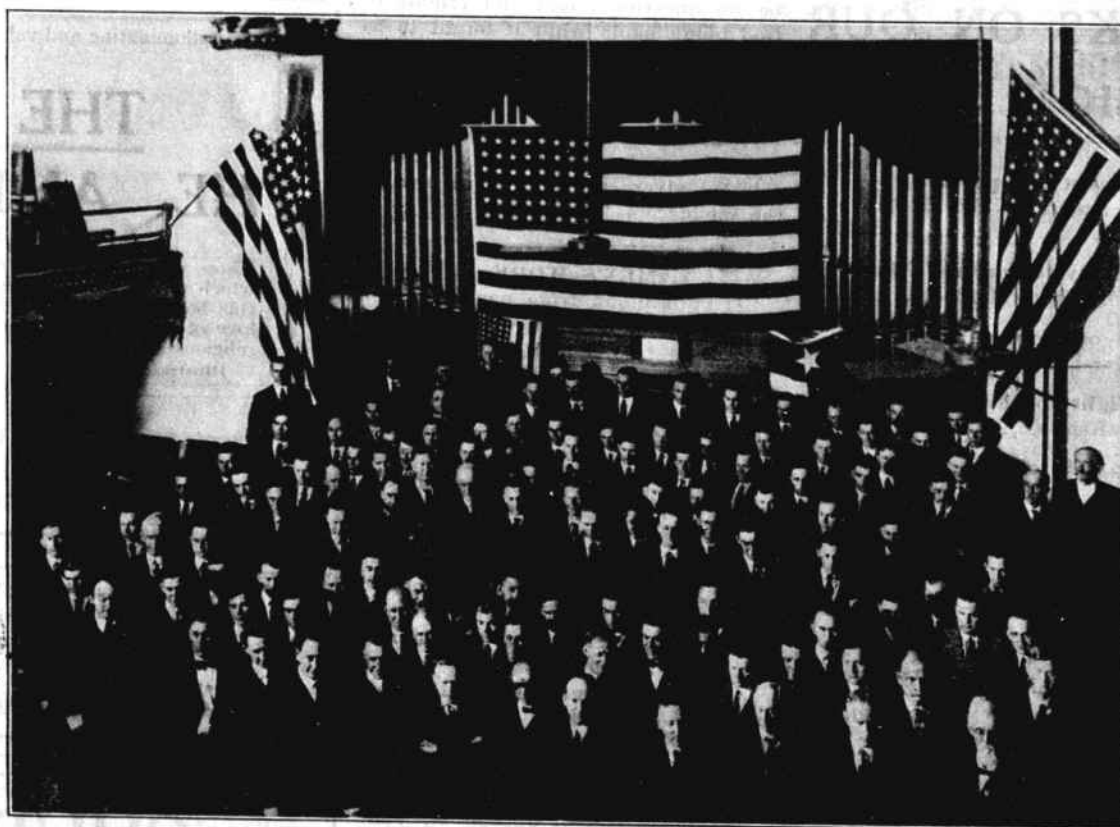
In the picture a little to the left of center are Governor Pat M. Neff, Governor of Texas; Dr. T. S. Blyce, president of Austin College and ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church; Mr. Arthur J. Reinhardt, of Dallas, Department Adjutant of the American Legion; the four local pas-

tors, Superintendent of Schools, Mayor of Milford, and Dr. F. W. Thompson are also in the picture. The rest of the group is composed of the members of the Morrel-Hagood Post, No. 339, and their visiting comrades from this section of the State.

This picture was taken after the great throng which attended the flag presentation ceremony proper had

dispersed.

The taking of the picture followed immediately the banquet given by the ladies of the community to the ex-service men of the Morrel-Hagood Post and their visiting comrades, and immediately before the banquet program, at which Governor Neff, Dr. Clyde and Mr. Rheinhardt, Department Adjutant, delivered addresses.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING.

During the week from March 12th through the 19th, Rev. Thos. W. Currie, of Austin, acting president of the Seminary there, was with us and held services twice each day. In the mornings a study was made of the Book of Matthew, and at night regular preaching services. On Friday evening, March 17th, the Young People's Society entertained the members of the Intermediate and Senior

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Departments with a banquet, at which time there were several toasts and a talk by Mr. Currie. As a result of the meetings twenty new members have been received into the church, quite a number of them coming from the Sunday school on profession of faith.

The Second Presbyterian Sunday school has far outgrown its old quarters, and on March 12th moved into a new building. The new building,

together with the necessary equipment, cost \$10,000. The floor space is 44 feet by 85 feet, the seating capacity of the assembly-room is five hundred, and the building includes, beside the auditorium, sixteen classrooms, ladies' kitchen and serving-room and rest-rooms. The building is one story and a balcony.

The attendance of the Sunday school has increased 40 per cent. over that of last year. For this time last year it was 250, and now it averages 350. The Intermediate and Senior classes have been most handicapped by the lack of space, for they have been reciting in the church auditorium and close to each other. The classrooms in the new building have been assigned to them and have settled the trouble. The Junior Department also has been working under unfavorable conditions, for the pastor's study has been their assembly-room, and so crowded were they that it was necessary to stand for all of the department work. In the new building they have a separate assembly-room, where their opening exercises will be held and several classrooms are given to their use.

The Cradle Roll and Home Departments have been reorganized during

the past year, and are both recruiting for the Sunday school. Mrs. Bartmess, the Cradle Roll superintendent, has a class of about twenty-five three-year-olds who are with the Beginners' Department for all except the lesson story, when she gives them their special cradle roll lesson, using objects with the stories. Mrs. E. L. Goar, the Home Department superintendent, and a splendid corp of visitors under her direction, have canvassed the membership of the church, meeting with a wonderful response, and now nearly every member is either an active or Home Department member of the Sunday school.

The teacher training class, taught by Mrs. R. D. Webb, and made up of girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty, is doing a fine work for the Sunday school. So far this winter and spring they have given to the school three regular teachers and supply substitute teachers for the Primary and Junior classes whenever needed. During the fall an attendance campaign was put on, and the increase reached was due to the work done by the teachers and pupils, each of whom took the responsibility seriously and helped as much as was possible.

BROWNSWOOD, TEX., NEW CHURCH.

We are glad to present to our readers a picture of the handsome new house of worship of the Brownswood, Tex., church. This building has cost \$75,000, and is now complete as to its exterior and the Sunday school room in the basement. It will require \$5,000 to complete the auditorium. They expect to complete this in a few months, but they are having the work done only as they have the money to pay for it. The church services, as well as the Sunday school, are all held in the basement for the

present.

Rev. W. Bristow Gray, D. D., is the pastor of this church. The first of last April the church reported 7 elders, 11 deacons, 446 members and 355 in the Sunday school. Contributions for the year were \$3,181 for benevolences and \$36,228 for congregational purposes, including building.

Rev. Dr. A. F. Cunningham and his singer assistant have just closed a two weeks' meeting. An unusual revival of interest and reconsecration was shown among the Christian people, and there were a number of additions to the church.

